

Scraps and Facts.

—Augusta, Ga., November 20: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thomas, residing on the Sand Hills, a suburb of Augusta, this afternoon received a telegram from Judge William H. Taft, accepting an invitation to become their guest. Judge Taft and family will arrive in Augusta December 18th. For the first few days they will be entertained at the Thomas' home. Judge Taft will personally select one of the high cottages that has been offered him. He and his family will take the meals at the winter resort hotel on the hill, near the cottages. William H. Taft, Jr., and Miss Helen Taft will join the family during the holidays. Mr. Thomas is a prominent and wealthy citizen of Augusta, being president of the largest cotton mill here. He and Mrs. Thomas entertain the most exclusive on the hill. The cottage which Judge Taft will likely select is a very short distance from the leading hotel.

—Chicago, November 20: W. Burke Cochran of New York, yesterday accepted an invitation unique in the country, if not in the rest of the country. The Democratic orator paid his respects to Frank J. Loesch, special state attorney conducting the grand jury investigation of primary election frauds, and was asked to speak a few words to the members of the grand jury. "Primaries," said Mr. Cochran, addressing the inquisitors, "have come to be looked upon as so legitimate to the fraud of those who would perpetrate fraud that whenever anything is fraudulent it is looked upon as a fraud. Election fraud has become so general in its nature that no longer is it necessary for a master mind to direct their operation, but every district politician believes that unless he carries his district by fraud he has not sufficiently shown his political fervor." In closing Mr. Cochran declared that the primary system that he did not know of Chicago was as worse off than other cities. He congratulated the jurors in the work they were doing.

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—Roanoke, Va., special of November 21, to Charlotte Observer: Ever since the verdict of "not guilty" was rendered Tuesday in the case charging Dr. W. S. Gregory, a wealthy Roanoke dentist, with an attempt at criminal assault on a chloroformed patient in his office, there have been open and caustic adverse expressions on the result of the trial on all sides. There have been many stories that leading business men would wait on Gregory and tell him he must get out of town. Other rumors are that a mass meeting will be called at which citizens will express their indignation and call on the dentist to leave the city. A party of negroes last night waited on Lee Martin, the colored assistant to Gregory and chief witness for the defense at the recent trial, and warned him to leave the city. He made his departure early today. That Gregory is considered an undesirable citizen appears to be the view of a large percentage of the people, if open street talk counts for anything. It is said that Martin left since the trial, and shoved off the sidewalks on a number of occasions by negroes. In the meantime Gregory continues to pursue the even tenor of his way. Gregory's alleged victim and her friends have received a number of anonymous communications of a vulgar nature through the mails.

—Cleveland, O., November 22: United States Judge Taylor yesterday granted an injunction against the American Telephone and Telegraph company (Bell long distance system) and the Central Union Telephone company (Indiana and Illinois), restraining them from interfering with the business of the independent companies operating in those and adjoining states. The injunction was asked for in a suit by the United States Telephone company, which is the independent long distance telephone company operating in Ohio and adjoining states. It is charged that the Bell, as shown by their official reports, is selling independent exchanges or buying Bell exchanges where there are competing companies, and in some instances absorbing independent companies, by merger and consolidation, or division of territory so as to eliminate competition and establish a complete Bell control, in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and of the laws of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other states. The bill says that the original value placed upon the Bell patents in 1878 was \$400,000 and a year later increased to \$500,000. A year later the value of the same property, as represented by the capital stock, was increased from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000, or nearly 10 times. In 1900 the capital stock had been increased to \$25,000,000 and in April of about that year the American Telephone and Telegraph company took over the Bell patents from the old company and issued two shares of its stock for each share of the old stock. The capital has since been increased to \$25,000,000. The bill charges that they devoted these enormous profits to paying exorbitant dividends and in acquiring control of competitive properties in order to suppress competition. They are charged with issuing many times the original cost of the stock in stock dividends and paying at times 15 per cent. a year in dividends. It is shown that they own and control many local telephone companies and companies manufacturing telephone apparatus. It is charged that when competition began, the Bell com-

panies adopted the policy of starting competing exchanges and operated them at ruinous rates. In many instances giving free service, beginning with one cent, and then threatening independent companies with financial ruin, and of destruction of their plants. It is said that the Bell company has considerable alarm. The "wets" carried Richmond county, O. Friday, and the "drys" carried the "wets" and "dry" under the Rose local option law of that state.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1908.

A MOVEMENT has originated in Virginia for the erection of a joint monument to Lee and Grant, on the famous "Bloody Angle" battlefield in Virginia.

The idea originated in Charlottesville, Va., and is being carried on by a committee of prominent citizens from both north and south. The war is nearly over, and the successful carrying out of an idea like this would surely bring peace. Let the good work go on.

REPORT FROM THE GINS.

Total of 9,630,563 Bales Against 7,300,655 Bales to November 14th, 1908.

Arkansas 667,248 bales and 2,045 ginneries.

Florida 50,448 bales and 247 ginneries.

Georgia 1,568,865 bales and 4,354 ginneries.

Kansas, Kentucky, New Mexico 1,155 bales and 5 ginneries.

Louisiana 3,150 bales and 1,605 ginneries.

Mississippi 1,009,365 bales and 3,367 ginneries.

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North Carolina 450,961 bales and 2,647 ginneries.

Oklahoma 331,332 bales and 958 ginneries.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

First National Bank—Will be closed Thursday—Thanksgiving Day.

York Drug Store—Boys, they will be here. The Yorkville Enquirer, 10 cents.

J. C. Wilborn—Makes offerings of two additional tracts of real estate.

The Yorkville Enquirer—Information about an estray bull, fish and oysters.

Thomas C. Quates—A lot of prizes that are being offered in its mill factory syndicate sale. Store will be closed Thursday.

Straight—Continues its closing out sale and store will be closed Thursday—Thanksgiving Day.

D. J. Woods, Clerk—Notice of called meeting of Yorkville camp. No. 38, W. O. W. tonight.

Jno. R. Hart, Mayor—Invites you to a public meeting at Yorkville camp, tonight on account of location of Episcopal orphanage in Yorkville.

M. J. Burns and J. C. Wilborn—Prepare yourself properly when you enter the battle of life. Real estate offerings.

W. A. Smith—You will find it with you with fruit cake ingredients, buckwheat flour, fruits, nuts, etc. See him for tailor-made clothing.

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